

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

-- 1. (Currently Amended) A composition compound for the amelioration of the effects of pseudofolliculitis, for topical application to the effected skin area consisting of[:];

- a) an absorbent skin astringent;
- b) an absorbent epidermal softening agent;
- c) an absorbent hair stiffening agent;
- d) gamma linolenic acid (GLA); and
- e) the entire as a mixture compounded in an oil based carrier for promoting absorption into the surface of the skin.

2. (Currently Amended) The composition compound in claim 1, wherein the GLA would be provided in the form of borage oil ~~or evening primrose oil~~.

3. (New) The composition in claim 1, wherein the GLA would be provided in the form of evening primrose oil.

~~4~~ 3. (Currently Amended) The composition compound in claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the gamma linolenic acid ~~GLA~~ would be provided in an amount ranging between 0.5 and 20.0% of gamma linolenic acid ~~GLA~~.

~~5~~ 4. (Currently Amended) The composition compound ~~as described~~ in Claim 1 ~~above~~ further consisting of an effective amount of antioxidant preservative;

- ~~a) an effective amount of an anti-oxidant preservative.~~

~~6~~ 5. (Currently Amended) A composition compound for topical application to the skin for the amelioration of the effects of pseudofolliculitis consisting of:

- a) an absorbent skin astringent in a quantity in excess of 20% of total compound ~~of a little over two parts in ten~~;
- b) an absorbent epidermal softening agent in a quantity of 30% of total compound ~~approximately three parts in ten~~;

c) an absorbent hair stiffening agent in an effective amount of 1% in total compound ~~approximately one part in one hundred~~;

d) gamma linolenic acid (GLA) in an effective amount between 0.5 and 20.0% of the compound; and

e) the entire as a mixture compounded in an oil based carrier for promoting absorption into the surface of the skin in an effective amount of approximately four parts in ten.

7 6. (Currently Amended) A composition compound for the amelioration of the effects of pseudofolliculitis, for topical application to the affected skin area ~~consisting of~~ comprising at least a blended mixture of[;]:

- a) an absorbent skin astringent;
- b) an absorbent epidermal softening agent; and
- c) gamma linolenic acid (GLA).

8 7. (Currently Amended) The composition compound in claim 6, wherein the gamma linolenic acid (GLA), comprises between 0.5 and 20.0% of the compound.

9 8. (Currently Amended) A method for the amelioration of the effects of pseudofolliculitis in a ~~susceptible~~, shaving individual comprising, in each 24 hour period ~~day~~ of use;

- a) applying a quantity of the compound described in Claim 5 above to the bearded area of the face;
- b) massaging said compound until a substantially complete absorption into the skin of the face occurs;
- c) shaving;
- d) rinsing the face with cool water;
- e) drying the face of all surface water;
- f) applying a quantity of the compound described in Claim 5 ~~4~~ above to the bearded area of the face; and

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g)      massaging of said compound until substantially complete absorption into the skin of the face has occurred.

10.     (New) A composition for the amelioration of the effects of pseudofolliculitis, for topical application to the affected skin area comprising at least a blended mixture of:

- a)      an astringent;
- b)      an epidural softening agent; and
- c)      a hair stiffening agent in an absorption promoting oil based carrier.